

April 29, 2002

Re: Dutch Slough Restoration Project  
San Ray, Cal Fed-Delta

As President of East County Horsemen's  
Organization (ECHO), which represents 145  
families in East Contra Costa County

I am writing to document my  
personal support of this fantastic  
opportunity. ECHO is on public  
record at Oakley City Council meeting  
as supporting the purchase by Cal-Fed  
this land for wetlands and park.

Our organization has a record of strong  
support of trails and open-space. This  
project idealizes a future of Oakley to  
be maintain natural beauty "beyond ourselves  
into future generations.

Sincerely, Annette Pains



**MT. DIABLO AUDUBON SOCIETY**

P O BOX 53  
WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA 94597-0053

May 5, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray,

On behalf of the Mt. Diablo Audubon Society, I am writing to you to urge you to immediately fund the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30).


The Mt. Diablo Audubon Society works to conserve and restore California's ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefits of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. For that reason, the 1700 members of the Mt. Diablo Audubon Society support rational, habitat-sensitive land-use practices in our area of interest—in this case, the restoration of Dutch Slough.

The Delta's wetlands regularly harbor as much as 15 percent of the waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway and provide stopover, wintering, and breeding habitat for vast numbers of waterfowl. Dutch Slough offers an unique opportunity for restoration and preservation of tidal, riparian, and seasonal wetlands and upland habitat. This habitat is desperately needed.

As a restored marsh, Dutch Slough will offer opportunity for scientific study as well as recreational and educational activities. Much can be learned from efforts to restore Dutch Slough as a tidal marsh. Hypotheses in hydrodynamics, salinity, temperature, and tidal conditions can be tested, providing data that serve all of California. It can provide temporary storage of winter water—a water bank that California needs to serve all the new residents that moved here since the last drought in the 1980s.

Please fund the Dutch Slough project before the stated timeframe of early 2003. It is imperative that the landowners know that funding will be made available soon, or they may pursue the development of residential housing on this site. If that occurs, the citizens of Contra Costa and California have lost an invaluable opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
Joel Summerhill  
Board Member  
Mt. Diablo Audubon Society



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Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Dear Mr. Ray:

Greenbelt Alliance is the Bay Area's leading land conservation and urban planning nonprofit. We work to protect the Greenbelt of open space and to promote more livable communities.

We are writing to urge you to immediately fund the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30). The project will provide much needed open space and public access to the Delta shoreline in a rapidly urbanizing area.

Please fund the Dutch Slough project before the stated timeframe of early 2003. It is imperative that the landowners know that funding will be made available soon or they will pursue the development of up to 4,500 houses on this site.

We believe this project presents an incredible opportunity for our region to protect open space, provide public access to shoreline trails, and restore habitat. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project has our support.

The East Contra Costa County shoreline will be a better natural resource due to the incredible funding opportunity provided by CALFED. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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May 7, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
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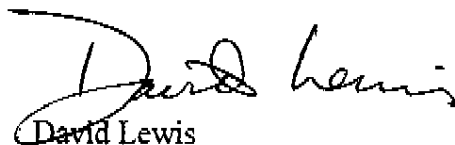
Dear Mr. Ray:

I urge you to fund the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30). This project presents a rare opportunity to protect and restore critical Delta wetland habitat as well as provide open space and public access in a rapidly developing region.

Funding for the Dutch Slough project must be expedited to ensure that the project's start will be in early 2003 to prevent development of up to 4,500 houses on this site.

This project is a unique opportunity for CALFED to fund critical habitat protection and tidal restoration that will bring many benefits to the residents of East Contra Costa County while helping to ensure the continued health and vitality of the San Francisco Bay Estuary.

Sincerely,



David Lewis  
Executive Director

# SAVE THE BAY



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Northern California Council

7 May 2002

Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento CA 95814

Support for Proposed Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project  
Oakley CA

Dear Mr. Ray:

I am writing to urge your immediate funding of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30). The Dutch Slough Restoration Project will provide much needed open space as well as public access to the Delta shoreline in a rapidly urbanizing area.

The Dutch Slough project needs to be funded prior to your stated timeframe of early 2003. It is imperative that the landowners know that funding will be made available soon or they will pursue the development of up to 4,500 houses at the location of the proposed project.

We believe this project presents a unique opportunity for this region to protect open space, provide public access to shoreline trails, and restore habitat. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project has our organizational support.

The East Contra Costa Shoreline will be a better natural resource due to the incredible funding opportunity provided by CALFED.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers

Douglas W. Lovell  
Chairman, Striped Bass Committee

Reply to      Federation of Fly Fishers  
                 Northern California Council  
                 PO Box 8330  
                 Berkeley CA 94707



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*May 9, 2002*

Mr. Dan Ray  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Sent via fax: (916) 651-6486

Dear Mr. Ray:

The Sierra Club supports immediate funding for the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30). The Dutch Slough Restoration Project will provide much needed open space and public access to the Delta shoreline in a rapidly urbanizing area.

Please fund the Dutch Slough project before the stated timeframe of early 2003. It is imperative that the landowners know that funding will be made available soon or they will pursue the development of up to 4,500 houses on this site

The Sierra Club believes this project presents an incredible opportunity for the Delta region to protect open space, provide public access to shoreline trails, and restore habitat. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project has our organizational support.

The East Contra Costa Shoreline will be a better natural resource due to the incredible funding opportunity provided by CALFED.

We would appreciate a response and to be included in any public notifications/meetings for this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request

Sincerely,

Mike Daley  
Chapter Conservation Director

Representative  
example of 136  
nearly identical form  
letters favoring  
Dutch Slough project

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray:

As a resident of Oakley, I am writing to urge you to immediately fund the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30).

Please fund the Dutch Slough project before the stated timeframe of early 2003. It is imperative that the landowners know that funding will be made available soon or they will pursue the development of up to 4,500 houses on this site.

I believe this project presents an incredible opportunity for my region to protect open space, provide public access to shoreline trails, and restore habitat. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project has my local support.

The East Contra Costa County Shoreline will be a better natural resource due to the incredible funding opportunity provided by CALFED. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mabel Broussard  
90 Broadway St.  
Oakley, CA 94561

I'm greatly in favor of the Dutch Slough Project. I have been a resident of Oakley for over 45 years, and the present growth pattern, I do not approve of. We need to slow down, and protect so open spaces & restore the habitat. Thank you.

**RECEIVED**

**CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

May 8, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray:

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for The Delta Science Center at Big Break (DSC), I am writing to urge your immediate approval and funding of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30). The DSC represents local agencies and interests focused on education, research and restoration in the western Delta. The DSC has followed the Dutch Slough Project closely and is satisfied that ongoing, straightforward and intense negotiations among all concerned project parties have resulted in fair compensation for all, with the Delta as the ultimate beneficiary.

We accept the fact that the proposed restorations are complex, and their science and permitting require long-term work and tenacity. But again, we are satisfied that significant up-front, donated work by many scientific organizations and policy makers has made the case for acquiring and restoring these Dutch Slough properties. Even from a basic conservation perspective, the acquisition of this property is a no-regrets action.

Delayed action on this proposal would also affect The Delta Science Center planning process for recreation, education and research facilities in the western Delta. We have raised over \$7 million in capital funds to build public facilities. Dutch Slough project proponents have invited the DSC to consider their site and restoration opportunities in tandem with Big Break Regional Shoreline plans. The DSC and the East Bay Regional Park District are under local, state and national mandates to spend these funds for the public good in the immediate future. Without the Dutch Slough acquisition, the DSC in its planning process cannot consider the broader, exciting possibilities that Dutch Slough presents.

**THE DELTA**  
SCIENCE CENTER  
At Big Break



Time is of the essence, both for the project participants and the meeting of CALFED priority restoration goals. The window of opportunity is here now, and any delays will diffuse, reduce or, more likely, derail the greatest chance for restoration in the western Delta. All project participants need to step up now, make the deal, and get back to work managing the needs of people within their local environment.

Sincerely,

Stephen Barbara  
Executive Director

Ted Radke, Director  
East Bay Regional Park District

Raul Rodriguez, President  
Los Medanos College

Randy Livingston, Lead Director,  
Hydro Generation  
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Dan Henry, Executive Dean  
Los Medanos College

Dwight Meadows, Director  
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Mike Painter, Director  
Ironhouse Sanitary District

Robert Peyton, Assistant to the President  
California State University at Hayward

Dick VrMeer, DSC Research  
California State Univ. at Hayward Emeritus

Russ Belleci, Director  
Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control

Mary Piepho, DSC Secretary  
Office of Assemblywoman Lynne Leach

Federal Glover  
Contra Costa County Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District

\*Pat Anderson, Councilmember  
Oakley City Council

\* Pat Anderson, DSC Executive Committee member and Councilmember of the Oakley City Council, needs to remain neutral while ongoing negotiations take place with the property owners of Dutch Slough.

cc: State Senator Tom Torlakson  
State Assemblyman Joseph Canciamilla  
State Assemblywoman Lynne Leach  
Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover  
Contra Costa County Supervisor Donna Gerber  
Oakley Mayor Tinker Vanek

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May 6, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Funding for Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (#30)**

Dear Mr. Ray:

I am writing in strong support of and recommending your prompt funding of the subject project.

My wife Jan and I are relative newcomers to the area, both of us working in the local school system. I teach at Freedom High School and chair the Science department there. Prior to becoming a teacher, I worked as a chemical engineer with much of my experience in water supply and treatment.

I have had the opportunity to review the proposal and I feel the time is ripe to move forward with your agency's approval. As in many areas of endeavor, there is uncertainty and some risk. I believe that time and study will show however, that concerns over the water quality issues of suspended solids, organic carbon, and mercury will prove to be no more serious than those posed by current background conditions.

Building upon a project this year in water quality monitoring along Marsh Creek, students from our school are developing an appreciation for the intricate balance between mankind's developments and the nature's ability to renew itself. This fall, we will be starting a new course in Environmental Science. Although access might be several years away, I scarcely can think of a more exciting venue to continue our studies than the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. In addition, our students might be able to contribute to the science of restoration in a truly meaningful way, both for the State and for the local community.

I appreciate your consideration. If I can be of any help in this matter, I can be reached at the above address or via email at [srlindy@yahoo.com](mailto:srlindy@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Lindemuth, P.E.

April 23,2002

Mr. Daniel Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJ: 250 PEOPLE PLUS IN OAKLEY SHOW THEIR SUPPORT  
FOR THE DUTCH SLOUGH RESTORATION PROPOSAL**

Dear Mr. Ray:

It is my pleasure to be able to send you over 250 signatures from just a few of the citizens within Oakley and the surrounding area who SUPPORT the Dutch Slough Restoration Project.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Carol Bomarito and I'm a resident of Oakley, CA where current funding for the Dutch Slough Restoration project is in question.

To give you a bit of background on how I got involved in this project I must take you back to a city council meeting, which I attended in March. Up to that point I had only hearsay and very limited information in the local papers about the proposal. When I attended the Oakley City Council meeting I was appalled that the Council seem to have sided with a few outspoken individuals within the community who opposed the project. I was astounded that these limited number of people within our community had access to information and seemed to be driving policy. That's when I decided that I could not be the only person in Oakley who felt in favor of the project.

During the week that followed I wrote some letters and made inquiries into what has become known as the "CALFED" project. It was an eye-opening experience to learn how much misinformation was being distributed to the local population and worse than that...how few people had little or no knowledge of the project at all.

After educating myself on the project, I was compelled to let my friends and neighbors within Oakley know of what I had learned, and to collect signatures if they felt the same way that I did; the proposal should be supported by the city and the restoration of the Dutch Slough property was indeed the best utilization of this parcel. I have enclosed copies of the signatures that a few friends and I collected within the course of a week. I can go and get more – easily. The fact of the matter is, when it comes to the bottom line, **THE PEOPLE OF OAKLEY OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL.** I base this conclusion on the cross-section of neighborhoods where the signatures were collected and the percentage of signers vs. those not wanting to sign. Out of over 250 signatures collected, I think we were able to add up 11 people who did not want to sign due to a lack of understanding of the project even after explanation and, 2 who

mistakenly signed an opposing petition thinking they were supporting restoration, and 1 who wanted to see houses built there.

Mr. Ray, I know that some men, whom have access to bend the ears of many more people within the community than myself, head up the opposition to the proposal. People who work in businesses where to write a letter or to ask someone to write a letter are not a problem. I too plan on asking people to write letters in support. However, I ask you this...who is writing these letters of opposition to you and what are their self-interests and motivations? Mine are simple. I believe in the governmental process and the funding of projects which benefit Mother Nature and generations far from our view whose voices have yet to speak. I believe in choosing to do what's right over what's easiest; and I believe that if this project is not funded, it will just be another loss for the prospect of ensuring that we stay on the path for better water quality and resource management within the State of California.

Thank you for your time and involvement in this matter and your ability to look into what could be gained for all generations vs. what may be lost forever.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures / Signatures Collected  
Supporting Restoration

Summary  
petition with  
250 signatures

I SUPPORT the Dutch Slough/Cypress Corridor Project to preserve 1200 acres of open space and to create:

- A 50-acre community park
- 4 miles of trails
- fishing access
- a canoe and kayak launch
- sports fields
- picnic grounds
- wildlife viewing
- additional education and recreational opportunities

I URGE the Oakley City Council, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and CALFED to support this project.

NAME

ADDRESS

(Optional)  
PHONE/E-Mail

1	Print Name	Jim McNeer	524 36 <sup>th</sup> Richmond	510-232-7463
	Signature	Jim McNeer	Calif.	
2	Print Name	Roger Eldorich	1528 Rutledge Ln	925-625-6210
	Signature	Roger Eldorich	OAKLEY CA	
3	Print Name	Janet Lindemuth	4919 Winchester Dr	926 625 6097
	Signature	Janet Lindemuth	Oakley	
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	Signature	Laura Foster	Oakley CA 94561	
5	Print Name	Disie Villa	Box 116	
	Signature	Disie Villa	San Ramon Ca.	925-625-3859
6	Print Name	Volanda Medina	4901 Chardonway Ct	
	Signature	Volanda Medina	OAKLEY CA 94561	
7	Print Name	Jordan G. Gresham	1834 HAMBURG ST OAKLEY	925-625-9014
	Signature	Jordan G. Gresham		
8	Print Name	Sergio Limon	1468 Wildcat Ct.	925 679 8886
	Signature	Sergio Limon		

Victor & Marie Rehn

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27 April 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray:

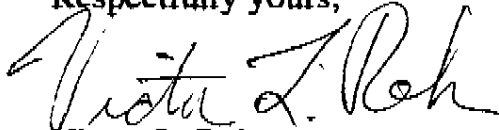
~~We are residents of Oakley, and live on the edge of the Delta about a mile~~  
west of the western boundary of the Dutch Slough Restoration Project. We strongly favor a thoughtful restoration of these lands for the protection of the outdoor open area and the wildlife that live there. The threefold use plan that you have been considering will make a wonderful improvement in the quality of life for Oakley residents for generations to come.

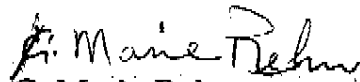
We urge early funding of the project.

Without early funding, we understand that housing development will start soon, replacing our planned trails, parks and wetlands with as many as 4500 new homes. As residents we fear the over-development of Oakley that our city counsel appears to condone. Oakley has no employment base for new residents. They will join the new residents of Brentwood and Antioch in the commuting nightmare to jobs elsewhere. Oakley needs open space, shoreline trails, parks, and habitat for birds, fish and animals who used to be abundant in the entire delta area.

We need CALFED to the rescue!

Respectfully yours,

  
Victor L. Rehn

  
C. Marie Rehn

copy to: Oakley city counsel

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



May 9, 2002

**VIA FACSIMILE & US MAIL**

Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray:

The ABAG-CALFED Task Force and the San Francisco Estuary Project are pleased to respond to your request for public input on reviewing the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program's Selection Panel recommendations. On May 1, 2002, we convened a joint workshop to give an opportunity for the diverse interests of the Bay Area to review the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program's Selection Panel recommendations. The goal of this workshop was to identify how those recommendations fit with the priorities identified in the San Francisco Estuary Project's Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card 1999-2001 and to identify any issues for CALFED relative to the recommendations. This letter summarizes the input received at our workshop on specific issues as well as larger CALFED implementation issues.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) represents the nine counties and the many cities of the Bay Area. ABAG is interested in providing input as elements of the CALFED plan are implemented that affect the Bay Area. As such, ABAG established the ABAG CALFED Task Force, a consensus based forum that includes representatives of water districts, local government, and many of the stakeholder groups that have an interest in CALFED implementation.

The San Francisco Estuary Project is a cooperative federal-state partnership organized through the US Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program. The project brought together 100 private, government, and community interests to develop a consensus plan, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), which was signed by the Governor and the US EPA Administrator in 1993. In August 2001, the S.F. Estuary Project brought together its stakeholders to revisit the top priorities for CCMP implementation and to review progress. The results of this are detailed in the Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card 1999-2001.

In recognition of the common interest between the SF Estuary Project and the ABAG CALFED Task Force in promoting environmental restoration, the Task Force Ecosystem Subcommittee and the S.F. Estuary Project Implementation Committee have been working cooperatively to address issues related to implementation of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program in the Bay Area.



Roughly 15 people attended the May 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop. Two participants also submitted written comments. One member of the task force offered comments at the April 29, 2002 ABAG-CALFED task force meeting. General comments on CALFED implementation are as follows:

1. As the state and federal budgets become tighter, there is a need for much greater clarification about funding sources. In particular, support needs to be identified for programs at risk because of the amount of general fund dollars they receive or because of their lack of a federal authorization. There is a high level of concern about the potential lack of funds for previously approved projects. Failure to address this important issue creates the potential for the program to become "unbalanced" in its implementation.
2. The Science Program is critically important. One component of the Science Program that the workshop participants wanted to call particular attention to is the identification of indicators and performance measures. This is critically important to understanding how the projects, past and future, are performing, what progress is being made towards the goals, and where gaps exist. This issue is important in its own right but is also a key to obtaining future funding.
3. Using a list provided by CALFED of projects that listed any of the nine Bay Area counties, staff identified how those projects fit with the CCMP priorities. The results of that analysis are attached to this letter. Generally, the projects are consistent with the priorities of the CCMP.

Comments relative to specific recommendations of the Selection Panel are as follows:

Reference Number 90: Bahia Acquisition and Tidal Wetland Restoration: Local support for this project is extremely high. We appreciate the recommendation to fund this project 'as is' and urge the Selection Panel to not change this recommendation. The Bahia acquisition is consistent with multiple CCMP priorities and is consistent and complimentary to other local efforts. The City of Novato and Marin County support the project. The voters of Novato have previously voted 70% against proposals to develop the site and the City sees this as an excellent opportunity that may be lost if there is any delay. When combined with CALFED's previously funded commitment to the Hamilton project, it will provide significant public access. The project falls within the San Pablo Bay watershed and is consistent with the regional planning for that area.

Reference Numbers 17, 31, 90, 138, and 161: Support was expressed for these projects. Some are important components of regional efforts. Others, such as #161, are important because they help update local plans that are very out of date.

Reference Numbers 129, 130, 131, and 69: These projects to address methyl mercury should be funded. However, the Selection Panel should recommend inclusion of an outreach and education component so that the results of the research can be shared with the communities most at risk to exposure to methyl mercury through consumption of fish and wildlife. Research conducted by the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition has shown a very low level of awareness of this issue in the communities potentially impacted.



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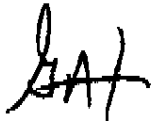
Reference Number 30: The Selection Panel correctly identified the need to address concerns of the City of Oakley with the Dutch Slough Project. However, the project should also address the water quality, operational, safety and security concerns of Contra Costa Water District so that it does not adversely impact the Contra Costa Canal that is immediately adjacent to the site. The project must also be designed and implemented so that it does not adversely impact water quality at Delta diversion sites that supply urban water districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this important decision. Environmental restoration of the Bay and Delta enjoys broad support in the Bay Area and we appreciate the commitment the CALFED program has shown to restoration projects in the nine Bay Area counties.


Sincerely,



Mike Rippey  
Board of Supervisors, County of Napa  
Chair, ABAG-CALFED Task Force



Greg Zlotnick  
Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Vice-Chair, ABAG-CALFED Task Force



Lawrence P. Kolb  
Chair Implementation Committee  
San Francisco Estuary Project

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# Initial Panel Recommendations Compared to Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card September 2001 Revised Priorities

## CCMP Priorities

ERP Project Reference Number	Expand, restore, and protect Bay and Delta wetlands	Reduce the impact of invasive species on the Estuary through prevention, control, eradication, and education	Protect and restore watersheds throughout the Estuary	Create incentives that encourage governments, landowners, and communities to protect and restore the Estuary	Minimize or eliminate pollution of the Estuary from all sources	Increase public awareness of the Estuary's natural resources and the impacts of human activity on them	Expand the regional monitoring program to address all key CCMP issues	Promulgate baseline inflow standards for San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays to protect and restore the Estuary ecosystem
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May 10, 2002

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**CALFED**  
**1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Re: Mitigation of Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project**

**Dear Mr. Castleberry:**

The Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project located in eastern Contra Costa County includes as one of its boundaries, approximately a 2-mile stretch of the Contra Costa Canal. The Contra Costa Canal is vitally important to the conveyance of water supply from the Delta to the residents of Contra Costa County. It was suggested by Mr. Dan Ray that CCWD provide this letter is to make you aware of the potential impacts the Dutch Slough project could have on CCWD's drinking water resources and facilities.

The Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project, submitted to the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program for funding, appears to have the potential to benefit the Bay-Delta ecosystem and contribute to an increase in the population of endangered and other fish species. However, CCWD is concerned that funding may be inadequate to protect CCWD's water supply from negative impacts of this project. Project funding needs to be sufficient to study and implement measures to avoid or mitigate any water quality, and safety or security impacts on drinking water supplies and facilities.

CCWD has identified several technical areas where the project could impact CCWD's interests:

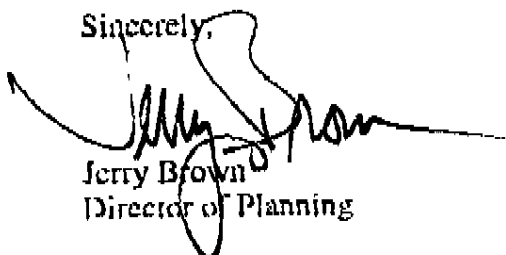
1. The tidal interaction of the inundated wetlands area with Big Break and the San Joaquin River may increase the amount of seawater intrusion into the Delta, degrading the water quality at CCWD's drinking water intakes.
2. Flooding these lands to create wetlands could make the Contra Costa Canal susceptible to seepage that could degrade water quality in the Canal.
3. High tides and wave action in the restored wetlands could also cause the failure of the Contra Costa Canal levees on the non-Canal side during periods of high Delta flow and high tidal action.

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4. During high tides, water in the restored wetland channels could overtop the Contra Costa Canal levees, increasing the salinity of the water supply for 450,000 people in Contra Costa County. The overtopping could also introduce other drinking water contaminants such as organic carbon and residual pesticides into CCWD's water supply.
5. Potential recreational uses of the restored wetlands will result in increased safety and security risks as the public comes in contact with the Canal.

Please be aware that CCWD has not taken a position on this project. CCWD is evaluating this project and is actively seeking to protect its water resources and facilities from potential impacts in the same way we would any other proposed project. CCWD expects that all issues will be evaluated and addressed prior to implementing the project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (925) 688-8172.

Sincerely,



Jerry Brown  
Director of Planning

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DAN RAY CALFED DELTA  
1416 9th St #630  
SACRAMENTO, CA. 95814

RE: Dutch Slough Restoration

Dear Sir,

Please do your utmost to preserve what is left of our quality of life. We urge you to not let the East County/Delta/Knightsen area be further congested with traffic and over population.

Please promote this land being preserved and saved for nature. Let nature survive over greed.

Sincerely,  
James Nichols



## *California Striped Bass Association*



BETHEL ISLAND/WEST DELTA  
P. O. Box 2691 Antioch, CA 94531

March 25, 2002

Mr. Dan Castleberry  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh  
Restoration Project, Proposal #30

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

The Board of Directors of the West Delta Chapter of the California Striped Bass Association on March 21, 2002 voted unanimously to oppose The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project.

The cost of the experiment is enormous. The benefits of restoring tidal marshland under controlled conditions will not address the immediate needs of our imperiled waterway. State and Federal water projects continue to drain away the life blood of the Delta eliminating any type of meaningful recovery.

This project could exacerbate problems with pollution and water quality for over 450,000 people.

Studies of endangered fish species could prove beneficial but those benefits seem meaningless when water projects suck literally billions of small fish and larvae to their death in the southern Delta.

Ninety percent of the species living in the Delta and ninety percent of its biomass are foreign. Shouldn't we control or try to eliminate non native species throughout the Delta first?

We are conservationists and realists. The Delta's problems are obvious to those who care. We want to see meaningful solutions to the problems affecting our waterway, not smokescreens and band aids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorena King".

Lorena King  
President, West Delta Chapter



## *California Striped Bass Association*



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April 21, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh/  
Restoration Project, Proposal # 30/

Dear Mr. Ray:

The Board of Directors of the West Delta Chapter of the California Striped Bass Association approved a follow up letter to our March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 correspondence to Mr. Dan Castleberry. We are still opposed to the Dutch Slough Project for the reasons stated in our original correspondence, a copy is attached.

The project proponents have requested \$32,500,000.00 for this experiment. Wouldn't the Delta, its dwindling resources and taxpayers be better served if 32,000 acres of wetlands were purchased and preserved? Conceivably that is what the money could buy versus 1,229 acres being sought for this project?

We firmly believe the Delta can be saved and water quality improved by the curtailment of water exports to southern California along with the control or eradication of invasive exotic species. Insufficient water flows and non-native aquatic plants are silting up the Delta at an unprecedented rate. If it is allowed to continue all we will have left is a polluted mud bog. Could this be CALFED's ultimate goal?

People who use the Delta love it the most. We want to see positive and productive solutions to water quality and wildlife issues, not experiments designed to find ways to increase water flows out of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorena King".

Lorena King

President, West Delta Chapter





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**CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

May 9, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
Grants Officer  
CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Ray:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify information provided in the Dutch Slough grant proposal, to respond to issues identified by the reviewers, and to urge CALFED to support this project at the earliest possible date to avoid losing the opportunity to acquire and restore this significant property.

For the past several months, the Conservancy has worked successfully with the other project partners to build local support for the acquisition and restoration of the Dutch Slough site. We have demonstrated the project's feasibility at a conceptual level and laid the groundwork for a restoration planning process that will address the complex design issues at this site. The project has reached a point where acquisition negotiations cannot proceed and restoration planning cannot move forward unless CALFED funding is assured.

The Selection Panel recommended that the Conservancy resubmit this proposal for consideration as a directed action. However, now that we have local support for the project, the Conservancy respectfully requests that the Panel reconsider funding the project at this time.

Delays with the CALFED process are making it difficult to structure a purchase agreement with the landowners or move forward with restoration planning. The proposed schedule for a directed action project would delay project funding until early 2003. The Conservancy's experience with CALFED contracts means that it could be a full year (or January 2004) before the acquisition is completed. The landowners have worked with us

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as willing sellers based in part on the original schedule of the grant program. Faced with these substantial delays, they will pursue development options.

**Substantial Opportunity For Habitat Restoration**

All of the reviewers agreed that the topography, size and location of the Dutch Slough site create an excellent opportunity for large-scale restoration. According to the Selection Panel, the Dutch Slough property "represents a substantial opportunity for habitat restoration consistent with the goals of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program".

This opportunity will be lost without CALFED's support. There are no other entities, public or private, that have the combination of substantial financial resources and ambitious restoration goals to support a restoration project of this magnitude. The project has \$12 million in matching funds (\$2 million from the Coastal Conservancy and a \$10 million bargain sale from the landowners) and the partners are continuing to work to raise additional matching funds. However, without significant funding from CALFED, the project will not happen.

**Local Support**

On Monday night the Oakley City Council voted (4-1) to support this project. As you are aware, the City initially had concerns about this project but the co-applicants have met with the City staff and Council many times over the past six months to resolve these issues. Discussions related to the restoration project have focused on public access to the site and how to balance that access with the goals of the restoration. The project partners remain committed to the project objective of implementing a large-scale, locally supported restoration project. Our discussions with the City have established a framework for comprehensive site planning and we are confident that the site can be designed to balance public access, education and restoration goals. The City remains concerned that the project partners do not have funding commitments for the entire project. Thus, a commitment from CALFED to fund acquisition, site management and restoration would help strengthen local support for the project.

There is substantial other local support for the project as well. It should be noted that when the Oakley City Council took public comment on the project at its April 8th meeting, more than twenty people testified in favor of the project while only a handful testified in opposition. A local resident has circulated a petition in support of the project which now has approximately 300 signatures. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the Bethel Island MAC, and the Knightsen Town Advisory Council have all voted unanimously to support this project. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Contra Costa Times Editorial Board stated its support of the project. Numerous other organizations support the project, including: the Delta Science Center, the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club, Save The Bay, Greenbelt Alliance, DeltaKeeper, the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, Audubon's Mount Diablo Chapter, and the Federation of Fly Fishers. Elected officials including: Assemblyman Canciamilla, Senator Torlakson, Congresswoman Tauscher and Congressman Miller all support restoration of Dutch Slough.

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**Acquisition Urgency**

Delaying the funding decision jeopardizes the acquisition deal. The property is not under contract because it has been impossible for the project partners to work out terms of a contract with a schedule that is continually pushing decision and funding dates into the future. Contract terms have been proposed based on the original schedule for the Ecosystem Restoration Program grants. As you are aware, CALFED has extended that schedule by a few months already, confounding discussions on the length of the contract terms. Because the purchase price is \$28 million, bridge financing is not an option. The proposed schedule for directed action projects would result in a funding decision one year later than originally anticipated. The project partners have continued efforts to obtain additional matching funds, but, again, it is difficult to move forward with this effort without a commitment from CALFED.

The property is under immediate threat of development. The appraised value of the land is high, due in large part to the vested development rights that the landowners have secured. The approved appraised value is \$38 million but the purchase price is \$28 million. While all three landowner families are supportive of this project, they have made it clear that they will preserve their development options while pursuing the CALFED restoration project. Because the existing development agreement will expire in a few years, if this project is delayed the landowners will be under increasing pressure to pursue development. It is clear that, if the restoration project is not viable, the City will support development of the land.

Our proposal noted that the City of Oakley is in the process of adopting a General Plan and that it is currently considering both a development alternative and an open space alternative for the Dutch Slough properties. The City will choose a preferred alternative for the environmental analysis of the General Plan this summer. Under state law, the City must adopt its General Plan by December 2002. The project partners will need a commitment from CALFED to convince the City and the landowners that the restoration project is viable prior to the alternative selection. Without that commitment, the landowners will seek to protect the existing development rights in the City's General Plan.

**Restoration Design and Planning Process**

The Selection Panel and other reviewers correctly note that the proposal included a very aggressive schedule for planning and implementation of the proposed restoration. The Conservancy agrees that, given the complexity of the project, a more measured pace for planning and implementation would be preferable.

The Selection Panel also recommends that we convene the proposed Adaptive Management Working Group to refine the planning and design considerations. The Conservancy remains committed to managing this design process and obtaining input from experts across multiple disciplines. The Conservancy and other project partners have always planned to solicit (and would welcome assistance from) members of both the CALFED Science Program and the ERP Independent Science Board. However, the Conservancy has felt that it was premature to convene this group until we received a

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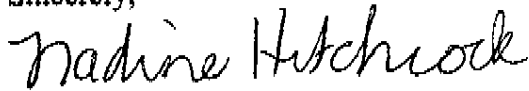
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funding commitment from CALFED for the project. Again, without significant CALFED funding, the project will not be implemented. The co-applicants are hesitant to continue to invest in project planning with so much uncertainty about whether (or when) CALFED will fund this project.

As outlined in the proposal, the project team, working with the Adaptive Management Working Group and others, will refine the restoration design to achieve the project objectives while working within the site constraints. The proposal recognizes that this is a complex project that will present significant design challenges as well as opportunities to increase understanding of tidal marsh restoration. At the conceptual level, the project is feasible and, with the requested funding, the technical work needed to address specific objectives and design constraints could begin.

The Conservancy has considerable experience managing large-scale restoration projects and is committed to working with CALFED and the other partners to implement a project that achieves the stated objectives. This project is an important opportunity to restore the habitat and ecological functions of a tidal marsh system. The Conservancy looks forward to working with CALFED to help achieve the goals of the ecosystem restoration program.

Sincerely,



Nadine Hitchcock

Program Manager

Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Program

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May 7, 2002

Patrick Wright, Director  
The CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposal to CALFED for funds to perform the Dutch Slough Restoration Project  
in Contra Costa County

Dear Mr. Wright:

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has authorized this letter to convey our support for the proposal submitted by the Coastal Conservancy—in partnership with the Natural Heritage Institute, the Conservation Fund, and the involved private property owners—to CALFED for \$32.5 million to perform the Dutch Slough Restoration Project near Big Break in Contra Costa County.

The proposal would acquire and restore native habitats on approximately 1200 acres in the heart of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The project holds many ecological benefits, including a prime location that is critical to many species of endangered fish, site elevations suitable for cost-effective and timely restoration of wetland habitat, and soil types and other conditions suitable for restoring a broad diversity of native habitat types on the site. The project would be a regional asset for the citizens of Contra Costa County, offering open space and recreational opportunities, and complementing the proposed Delta Science Center at Big Break. Carefully implemented, the project can avoid impacts to important drinking water resources and improve on conditions that could result from alternative uses of the site. To assure this, the project should take into consideration potential impacts on drinking water resources and facilities, including those of the Contra Costa Water District, and include sufficient funding to study and avoid or mitigate water quality, safety and security impacts.

The Board also believes that cooperation and coordination between CALFED and local government agencies will be important to the long-term success of the Ecosystem Restoration Program. As you review and hopefully implement the Dutch Slough Restoration Project, we urge continued coordination both with the County and the City of Oakley to create a project that accomplishes the goals of CALFED as well as the goals of local government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Gioia".

John Gioia, Chair  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Dan Ray, CALFED Bay-Delta Program

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April 5, 2002

Dan Castleberry  
CALFED Bay Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Castleberry,

I am writing for our organization regarding the Dutch Slough Tidal Restoration Project, Proposal #30. Our organization is oriented primarily toward tax issues. However, we also follow activities that can impact taxes in the future along with those that appear to use taxpayers' dollars in an egregious or inappropriate manner.

We are a county-wide alliance with members in east county and specifically in Oakley. We have looked at the arguments both for and against this project. Our conclusion is that the arguments against the project as well as its unanswered questions overwhelm the arguments in favor.

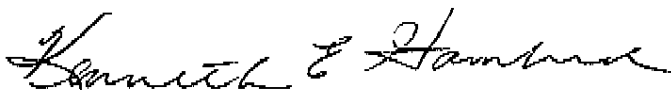
The cost of the project is prohibitive in itself, running some \$32.5 million. This is an exorbitant project cost of \$26,444 per acre. And the positive results appear to be nebulous while the potential negative ecological impact could be great.

At the same time, it is almost certain that the City of Oakley will be financially damaged in the future by this project. Being a small city, the tax base is likewise small. Removing these 1,229 acres from its General Plan will assuredly impact the city negatively. Any financial shortfall created by this project will have to be made-up with increased taxes on its residents.

With all of these thoughts in mind, it is clear that this project should not go forward. Our organization strongly supports appropriate environmental and tidal restoration projects. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project does not measure up.

We respectfully request that you not proceed with it.

Regards,



Kenneth E. Hambrick  
Chair

# The Committee to Save Our Shoreline

P.O. Box 523, Oakley, CA 94641  
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March 19, 2002

Mr. Don Castleberry  
CALFED Bay Delta Program  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1155  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh  
Restoration Project, Proposal #30

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

We are writing to express our opposition to The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. There are a number of reasons why we are against it.

It almost seems incomprehensible that CALFED would entertain a project which would put the financial well being of the City of Oakley at risk. This is especially true when one considers it undermines two years of work on Oakley's General Plan. It removes future sources of income which were a vital part of Oakley incorporating. Simply put, this project could very well bankrupt this small community. If it doesn't it will certainly degrade rather than improve the quality of life for it's citizens. The proposal's observation that it will not harm the Delta's agricultural economy is shortsighted when the proposal also recognizes the area has been zoned for economic development. There is no mention of the harm it will do to the City of Oakley.

The manner in which this proposal was brought forth to the City is on par with the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, without warning. We are in full agreement with the Oakley City Council's unanimous vote to oppose this project.

The cost of the project is exorbitant. It is taxpayer's money which will be used to purchase the land. We have been told CALFED's average cost of tidal marsh restoration land averages \$1,000.00 per acre. It appears CALFED is willing to pay over \$21,000.00 per acre for this 1229-acre parcel. Did you know the owners of the property demanded the newly incorporated City of Oakley adopt the Development Agreement mentioned? That Agreement designated their property as zoned for economic development. The City complied with the owners wishes in good faith. Has CALFED approached the owners, who now want to flood the land, about selling it for the \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 an acre it is worth as pasture land? Why should CALFED pay for land zoned for economic development if they no longer wish to develop it?



The cost of this project is high at \$32,500,000.00. Total land area is very small at 122 acres, when compared to other restoration projects. It is not even part of an existing riparian corridor. Couldn't this money be better used elsewhere to improve the health of the Delta? There are many nonindigenous species that have invaded the Delta and are slowly and relentlessly choking the life out of native species. What about taking some definitive steps to eradicate or at least control these aquatic pests with those funds?

There are also concerns for many fish species. Ask anyone who cares about the Delta and they can give a very plausible solution to the problem. Stop pumping so much water out of the system and control pumping when those endangered fish are in the area. As a matter of fact, it's the law and it is called the Endangered Species Act. The State and Federal Government need to obey the law just like everyone else.

Adding insult to injury, on page 11 of the proposed experiment, "it is therefore possible that export of organic carbon from restored tidal wetlands in the Delta might have negative effects on drinking water quality". Not only does this project harm Oakley's financial future it could very well degrade our source of drinking water. That's two bitter pills to swallow. We get our water from one of the ten most polluted rivers in the United States and CALFED wants to make it worse.

We plan on actively going out into the community to gather strong local opposition to this project. It is harmful to Oakley, it is too expensive, it does not address positive steps to improve the health of the Delta, it won't help endangered fishes as long as the pumps keep running and it could further degrade the source of drinking water for thousands of local citizens. We hope CALFED will see the negative impact this proposal will have on the City of Oakley as well as the thousands of people who rely on the San Joaquin River as its source of drinking water.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Roger S. Mammion  
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Contra Costa Times  
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# The Committee to Save Our Shoreline P.O. Box 1000 Oakley, CA 94621 (925) 761-1302

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay Delta Program  
1400 P Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh  
Restoration Project, Proposal # 30

Dear Mr. Ray:

Enclosed is a letter we have forwarded to the Natural Heritage Institute concerning the above matter. We have also attached an Editorial from the Brentwood News which appeared in the April 12, 2002 edition.

The Natural Heritage Institute continues to overstep the boundaries of good faith and ethical behavior in their campaign to gather public support for this proposal. It does not appear they have any qualms about dividing our community, turning citizens against their elected officials or the financial future of our city. As one City Official put it, "it appears they will do anything to justify their means".

This may not be a concern of CALFED, however, their actions reflect directly upon your agency. Locally the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project is commonly referred to as the "CALFED Proposal".

We are pleased to see the Selection Panel Review take into consideration our community and the possible negative consequences this project could have. Regardless of the outcome, the final decision will have a profound effect on Oakley's future.

Our hope is that CALFED will continue to take the well being of 26,000 Oakley residents in mind when they make their final decision.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Roger S. Matman  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments

# The Committee to Save Our Shoreline

PO Box 111 Oakley, CA 94621

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April 30, 2002

Ms. Sarah Beamish &  
Mr. John Cain  
Natural Heritage Institute  
2400 Shattuck Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Berkeley, California 94704

Re: Letters to Dutch Slough Supporters

Dear Ms. Beamish & Mr. Cain:

Your recent correspondence to city residents in the City of Oakley has come to our attention. The letter touts a large community park with picnic facilities, sports fields, public access, trails, canoe and kayak launch, safe fishing access and more which will be provided by the project. To our knowledge there is no funding for these amenities. The Oakley City Council has honored a confidentiality agreement with you and will only state that nothing has been guaranteed in writing and they will not accept verbal assurances. Many Oakley residents and Committee members have been shocked by the Natural Heritage Institute's lack of ethics in this matter.

Rather than promote the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration proposal on its benefits as a scientific experiment, your organization has chosen to breach the confidentiality agreement with the City of Oakley and spread false information about amenities and the development of 4,500 homes in the Cypress Corridor.

Mr. Cain, you have told local residents there is no issue with water quality. What happened to page 11 of the proposal? We have a letter from the Contra Costa Water District, dated February 27, 2002, to Mr. Curt Schmude of the Department of Water Resources clearly stating CCWD's concerns.

Your letter attributes postponed funding to the City of Oakley's opposition and negative letters from Save Our Shoreline. The City of Oakley should be concerned. This project will eliminate sources of income for our newly incorporated city. The proposal fails to recognize this negative impact on our community. The Committee to Save Our Shoreline is comprised of east county residents concerned about Oakley's future. We believe the City of Oakley should have control over the land within its city limits and the shoreline should benefit its residents. Our letters express an opinion and our activities inform local residents so they can make intelligent decisions. We find it interesting that we have been maligned by some but no one has ever found us disseminating false information. We take our position as public advocates seriously. Could your resentment stem from the fact our organization brought this project to the attention of the community?

...for our community can be established and approved. We can't even encourage  
to help with the City of Oakley because the Panel became aware that Oakley was not  
interested in the project and was not involved in the development of the proposal?  
Don't you think this project was very expensive because "the land is slated for  
urban development"?

In your quest to get this project funded you have maligned the Oakley City Council, The  
Committee to Save Our Shoreline and anyone not in favor of the proposal as supporters  
of mass housing. How very wrong you are. We only want what is best for Oakley and it  
does not appear to come in the form of the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration

Leaving out the amenities you talk about, and which the City Council won't confirm,  
how does this project benefit the City of Oakley? How is flooding a portion of our city  
going to bring in revenue to support city services, schools, police and fire protection,  
street and landscape maintenance? Has anyone at the Natural Heritage Institute ever  
wondered or even cared why Delta Vista School was built out on Cypress Avenue? Will  
the two areas of controlled flooding be a mosquito breeding ground? We can only guess  
that if you don't live here you don't care.

We will share with others how your organization conducts business and ignores the well  
being of an entire community. Our hope is that CALFED will realize this proposal in its  
current form negatively affects the economic future and vitality of the City of Oakley.

Very Truly Yours,

Roger S. Mammon  
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Mr. John Wise  
Executive Director  
Natural Heritage Institute

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Re: Project #30 Dutch Slough Restoration Project

Mr. Ray,

I just wanted to let you know that the proponents of this project have gotten so out of line with propaganda that they have forced our group to reach out on a national basis. They have out spent us a million to one printing misleading flyers, mailing out false information to the local residents and giving presentations to the public that are false. Please see attached.

The proponents have violated a confidentiality agreement with the City of Oakley. They have been in closed-door negotiations, yet they have been relaying information to the public that is still being negotiated. They are telling residents that amenities and more will be provided by the project. This is simply not true.

At a recent City Council meeting he gave a presentation revealing some of this information as well as referring to a letter from the Contra Costa Water District indicating that the District didn't have a problem with the project. The letter was actually a list of concerns from the Water District. Residents are being misled.

This is a travesty. The proponents are splitting this community. They have not stuck with the truth and the facts. They have accused the Committee to Save Our Shoreline of causing a delay in the approval process. We have stayed with the facts. In fact the proponents have yet been able to point out any inaccuracies in statements or information we have disseminated. Our organization is only interested in preserving the Oakley Shoreline for the betterment of our community. The East Bay Regional Park District has already acquired the better part of our shoreline and locked the public out. We can't let this happen again!

For your information we have sent out press releases to the local newspapers, local and national television stations as well as radio stations alerting them to what is happening in our town.

I sincerely hope that this project will not get funded. Too much is at stake for our small community. We hope you won't be part of Big Government squashing a little town.

Sincerely,

  
Bruce Connelley

Chairman Committee to Save Our Shoreline



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## **The Dutch Slough/Cypress Corridor Project needs your help now!**

April 25, 2002

Dear Dutch Slough Supporter:

Thank you for expressing your support for the Dutch Slough Restoration Project. We still hope the project will be funded, but need your help more than ever to protect open space, create recreational opportunities, and restore wetlands in Oakley.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> CALFED announced that the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project was ranked as a high priority, but postponed funding due, in part, to the City of Oakley's opposition and negative letters from Save Our Shoreline.

CALFED needs to hear that you support the project as soon as possible. CALFED is only accepting written public comments on the Dutch Slough proposal until 3pm on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please take a brief moment of your time to write a letter of support to CALFED.

If you don't have enough time to write a personal letter, please sign the enclosed sample letter, add in your personal thoughts, and send it in to CALFED. A stamped envelope addressed to CALFED is provided. This unique opportunity to protect open space, restore habitat, and create recreational opportunities in Oakley is dependent on you!

The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project would provide approximately 1,200 acres of restored wetlands, a large community park complete with picnic facilities and sports fields, public access to 8 miles of shoreline and 4 ½ miles of trails along the Delta, a public canoe and kayak launch, safe fishing access, and more.

If this project is not funded soon, the landowners will develop up to 4,500 houses on this site as called for in the draft Oakley General Plan.

Please write CALFED by May 10th and urge them to fund the project now.

Thank you for your continued support.

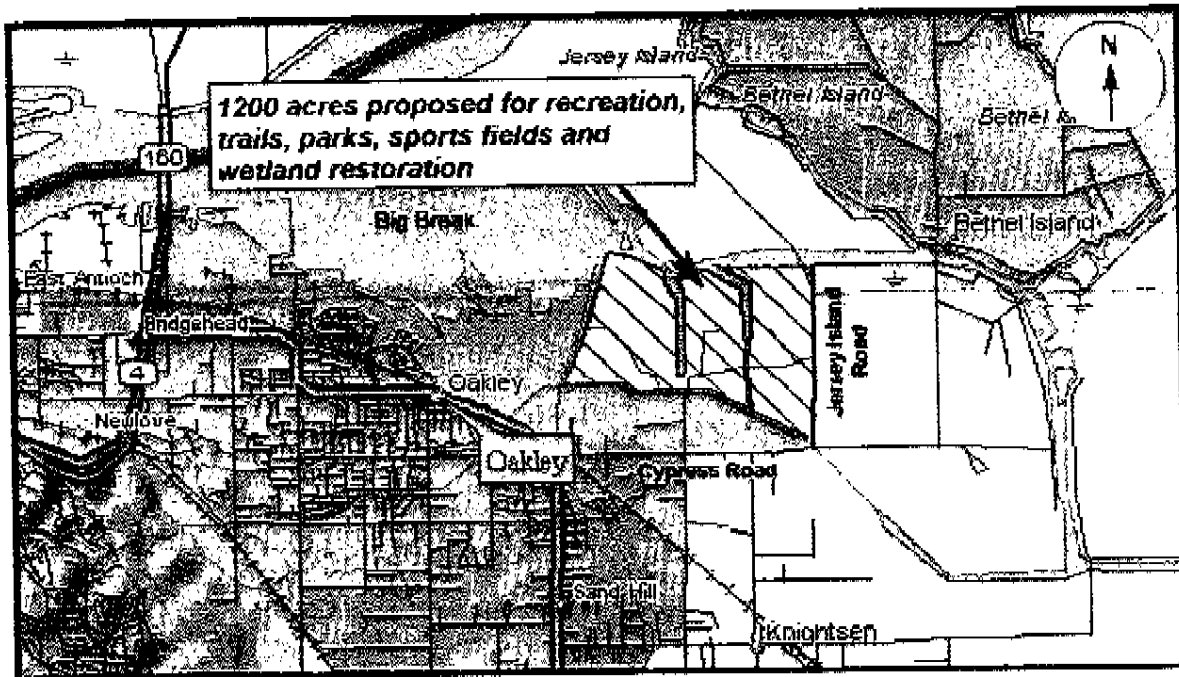
Sincerely,

Sarah Beamish and John Cain  
Natural Heritage Institute

## Dutch Slough/Cypress Corridor Project Needs Your Help!

Your support is needed for a unique opportunity to protect 2 square miles of open space in Oakley, provide access to the Delta shoreline, protect valuable fish and wildlife habitat, and create recreational opportunities for our families, for our future...

### Location of Dutch Slough Restoration Project



- The Dutch Slough/Cypress Corridor Project includes a community park, 4 miles of shoreline trails along Delta sloughs, safe fishing access, a canoe and kayak launch, sports fields, picnic grounds, wildlife viewing, and other educational and recreational opportunities centered around a large-scale wetland restoration project.
- The landowners and project partners submitted a grant application to receive funding to purchase 1,200 acres and restore it for fish and wildlife habitat. It is important to have the City's support for this unique recreational and open space opportunity.
- If the Dutch Slough/Cypress Corridor Project isn't funded **now**, the window of opportunity would be lost—the landowners will sell their property to developers to build up to 4,500 homes, bringing more traffic and overcrowded schools.

The Dutch Slough Project needs your support! The Oakley City Council is scheduled to take public input on the project this **Monday April 8th at 7:30pm**. **PLEASE ATTEND** the City Council meeting to learn more about the project and voice your support for recreation and open space in your community. If you can't attend the meeting write or phone the Oakley City Council and tell them to support the project: 3633 Main Street, Oakley, CA 94561, (925) 625-7000.

**Where:** Multi-Purpose Room at Freedom High School, 1050 Neroly Road, Oakley.

**Can we restore Dutch Slough for future generations? It's up to you.**  
Help us make Oakley *truly* "A PLACE for FAMILIES in the HEART of the DELTA"

# *The Committee to Save Our Shoreline*

*P.O. Box 523, Oakley, CA 94561*

*925-625-7467*

*May 7, 2002*

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh  
Restoration Project, Proposal # 30

Dear Mr. Ray:

Last night the Oakley City Council voted 4 to 1 to send a letter to CALFED supporting proposal # 30 with contingencies. It appears their letter is neither necessary nor warranted. The City, in good faith, wanted to show support for the project by the end of the public comment period, only if the contingencies are met. It came to light that the proponents and the City still have not come to an agreement. After months of negotiations why haven't the proponents and our City leaders been able come to a mutually agreeable solution? Obviously, the stakes are very high on both sides.

The Selection Panel Review made note of the following; they "believe it is important that the City of Oakley be supportive of restoration on the parcel" and "the Coastal Conservancy and National Heritage Institute are encouraged to continue their collaboration and cooperation with the City of Oakley. It is clear the proponents have failed to take the Selection Panel's recommendations seriously. The draft letter contains almost two pages of contingencies.

Page 26 of the proposal states; "the applicants, and particularly the landowners, will work with the City officials and residents to obtain strong evidence of public support". The attached draft letter by the City shows the proponents have failed to achieve strong evidence of local support. If they had, the City's letter would be unnecessary.

We urge CALFED to make certain that all of the contingencies listed on the City's letter are met prior to funding this project. If the City of Oakley is willing to compromise why can't the proponents? Why aren't the proponents concerned with Oakley's future? We certainly hope CALFED is.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Roger S. Mammon  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment



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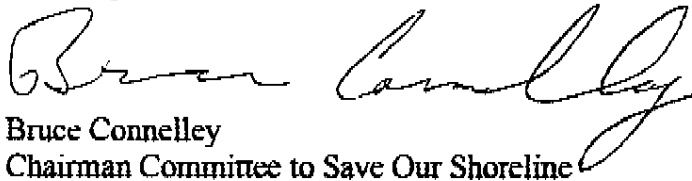
Re: Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project #30

Mr. Ray,

Please review the attached information. The first package are copies of newspaper cut outs regarding the above project. The second package is a partial copy of people that oppose this proposal. I thought this would be information you could use.

**I implore CalFed not to fund this project. It is tearing our community apart as you can see in the newspaper articles.**

Sincerely,

  
Bruce Connelley  
Chairman Committee to Save Our Shoreline

**PETITION SHEETS WITH  
264 signatures  
submitted**

## Petition in Opposition to the Cal-Fed Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

The undersigned are opposed to the above project for the following reasons; it will cost taxpayers millions of dollars for an experiment which may not result in any benefits to the Delta but could cause negative effects on drinking water quality (page 11 of proposal); the average cost per acre of restoration land is \$1,000.00, price per acre on this proposal is over \$21,000.00 an acre; the project is small, random, fragmented and not part of any restoration corridor when compared to other restoration projects and would offer little benefit to native species; amenities (parks, trails, visitor center) mentioned in the proposal are not funded they are just nice thoughts; the City of Oakley will lose 10's of millions of dollars in developer fees negatively affecting the quality of life in our community; the City will lose control of the future of the land falling within its' sphere of influence; a fisheries biologist who reviewed the proposal referred to the site as only marginal and the cost of the land alone should make it prohibitive indicating the money could be better spent elsewhere to restore the delta; the curtailment of water exports from the Delta would enhance water quality, improve survival rates of native fishes listed as endangered and conserve vast amounts of energy now required to ship over 50 percent of our water to Southern California.

Please Print Name	Signature	Address	Telephone
Suzanne Weaver	<i>Suzanne Weaver</i>	2081 Main St Oakley	679-9200
Michael Muecke	<i>Michael Muecke</i>	2894 Vista Way Antioch	754-3421
Teri Tomasin	<i>Teri Tomasin</i>	23 Oregon Ct Oakley	679-8558
IE BUCHHEIZ, CPA A Buchholz	<i>A Buchholz</i>	1546 Larkspur Ct Oakley	625-1150
123 K7 KAREE Donald A. Wall	<i>Donald A. Wall</i>	3608 Camino Real Antioch	754-2970
Ron Brown	<i>Ron Brown</i>	3100 Main St Oakley	625-1211
Kevin Rouse	<i>Kevin Rouse</i>	2001 VERMONT AVE	679-8678
Jennifer Peterson	<i>Jennifer Peterson</i>	939 Walnut A. Oakley	679 0612
John Barclay	<i>John Barclay</i>	5310 Sunrise Meadows	625-4979
Renee Gutierrez	<i>Renee Gutierrez</i>	289 West Tregaskis Rd Antioch	778-6156
John Rebeles	<i>John Rebeles</i>	1914 TERRACE Ln. Antioch	706-0539
Joe Dyer	<i>Joe Dyer</i>	2220A Myrtle Ave	754-1208
Gary J. Geraci	<i>Gary J. Geraci</i>	4850 Sandmound	925-9576-201

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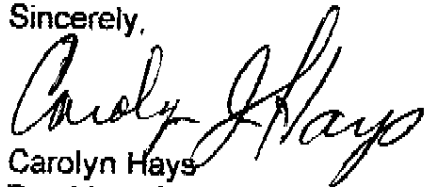
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Re: Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project #30

Mr. Ray,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am not in favor of the above project. Oakley is a very young city. I am afraid that if this project goes forward it will not be good for the economy of Oakley. We need economic development. We don't have that much land to work with like most cities. To us, this is a very large piece of land. Oakley has already earmarked it for mixed-use development. If we can't generate some revenue from this land it could have a devastating effect on the future of Oakley. I understand CALFED has already approved and funded other projects like this without procuring so much land. With so many thousands of acres in the Delta, I don't think it's necessary to take away so much potential from Oakley. Please do not go forward with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolyn Hays".

Carolyn Hays  
President Oakley Chamber of Commerce

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Kathleen Neff-Dickson  
The Video Cinema  
3100 Main Street Suite 266  
Oakley, CA 94561

May 7, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
14169<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration

Proposal #30

Please Vote No

Dear Mr. Ray:

I have been an Oakley Business Owner Since 1983 who after much consideration does not feel this project would be beneficial to Oakley's future. In fact I feel it would be very detrimental to Oakley's future growth for residential homes and the benefits that bring to existing business and the ability to draw new business. All this small growth is necessary for our small city to support itself and provide the services it needs to sustain itself.

The properties you are considering to use have been zoned and planned for homes for many years and at the owners insistence carried over into the most recent general plan for our city. Oakley is really a small city with very limited areas available for future home and business growth. I have been told over 20% of our available land for growth would be used for this experimental restoration. I am sure there are similar lands in better suited areas for your needs. Please don't use Oakley lands and move your project to a better location.

I am sensitive to the need for tidal marsh restoration and the potential for the benefits but feel there are far better locations than Oakley.

Please say no to Tidal Marsh Restoration in Oakley.

Sincerely,

  
Kathleen Neff-Dickson

MAY 2, 2002

Representation  
of 15 form letters  
in opposition to  
Dutch Slough proposal

MR. DAN RAY  
CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM  
1416 9TH STREET, SUITE 630  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

RE: NO TO DUTCH SLOUGH  
TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION,  
PROPOSAL #30

DEAR MR. RAY:

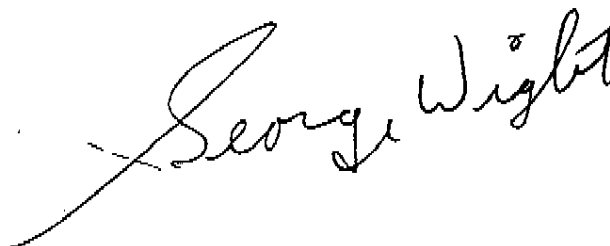
I AM AN OAKLEY RESIDENT WHO DOES NOT FEEL THE DUTCH SLOUGH TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR SMALL COMMUNITY. THE PROPERTIES WERE ZONED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SOME YEARS AGO WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE LANDOWNERS.

PROJECT PROPONENTS SAY THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY AND THE BEST SUITED SITE FOR THEIR PROJECT. DON'T THEY REALIZE OR EVEN CARE THAT THIS AREA IS A ONCE AND A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR CITY? OAKLEY IS CONFINED TO ITS CITY LIMITS; A LOSS OF OVER 20% OF OUR LAND POTENTIAL IS UNTHINKABLE. WE NOTE IN EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC #4, THE REVIEWER COULD NOT VERIFY THE PROPONENT'S CLAIM, "BASED ON MY UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DELTA SYSTEM". WHY DOESN'T CALFED TELL THE PROPONENTS TO FIND A LOCATION THAT WON'T AFFECT AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY?

I AM NOT AGAINST TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION. I AM OPPOSED TO AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION COMING INTO OUR CITY AND DESTROYING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OUR TOWN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. THEIR TACTICS TO GAIN SUPPORT MAKE IT EVEN MORE UNPALATABLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE CALFED WOULD WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT AND ITS PROPONENTS.

JUST SAY NO AND TELL THEM TO FIND ANOTHER SPOT.

SINCERELY,



**William E. Lloyd  
147 Enes Avenue  
Bay Point, CA 94565  
(925) 458-6278 (H)  
(925) 296-3203 (W)**

April 29, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9th Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray,

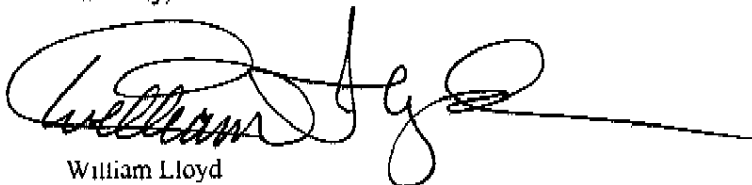
I'm writing to express my objection to the proposed Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. My reasons for objecting are as follows:

- I don't believe that the stated goal of increased public access is truthful. Currently this area is open to recreational boaters and fishermen. If it is turned into a refuge, only a few people, i.e., biologists conducting experiments, will be allowed in.
- Development would enable more people to enjoy the area. Limited Acreage could be set aside for open space and for public access. Certainly, if you've ever spent time on the Delta, you would see that wildlife & the fishery does indeed thrive along with human habitation and recreational activities. Habitat and water quality are not 'inevitably degraded' as argued in the proposal.
- The City of Oakley had already zoned this area for mixed use & residential development. The citizens of Oakley should have the final decision on this property since its potential for future tax revenue will be affected. Due to this area's Western location its potential is enormous.
- Toxic clean up from the dairy is not addressed in the plan. The site, at \$27,000 per acre, is very expensive for a restoration project as it is, I object to my tax dollars going towards a clean up that would normally be funded by private developers, if the parcel was sold commercially. The proposal makes it sound as if all that needs to be done is break down some levies, flood the land, plant a few shrubs and everything will take care of itself. That's not realistic. Moreover, the proposal is very vague about on going monitoring and execution of the experiment.

Finally, what I most resent is the fact that outsiders are attempting to decide what is best for the local community. I hope that this thinly disguised land grab is defeated.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views

Sincerely,



William Lloyd



April 21, 2001

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9th Street, Suite 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposal #30, The Dutch Slough Tidal  
Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Ray:

Attached is a letter sent on March 25, 2002 to Mr. Dan Castleberry stating our opposition to the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project.

We are aware that this proposal has been listed for Direct Action by the Selection Review Panel and the 30 day public comment period has begun. Our position in this matter has not changed. Any proposal which can further degrade and threaten the drinking water for over 450,000 people must be stopped. There are no guarantees and safeguards to prevent further contamination and no means in place to immediately remedy unexpected occurrences. The Selection Review panel has pointed out many shortcomings in this proposal indicating it is "rushed" and lacks procedures to monitor results.

Our opposition to this project continues as it does not solve water quality issues but introduces new threats to the quality and safety of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

*Uri E. Compy*  
Uri E. Compy Compomizzo

Past President

*Wayne Hancock*  
Wayne Hancock  
Secretary

Joseph Horn  
Associate Member

*Joseph Horn*

P.S. Also attached is an article from Sea magazine reflecting my (our) love of the Delta.



March 25, 2002

Mr. Dan Castleberry  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposal #30, The Dutch Slough Tidal  
Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Castleberry:

This letter is to inform you we are opposed to this project which can potentially degrade the quality of drinking water for almost a half million people. The potential for higher rates of mercury bioaccumulation and disinfection byproducts (carcinogens) is an unacceptable risk. The Dutch Slough site is too close to our water intakes.

Poor water quality in the Delta is associated with the export of 80% of Northern California's precipitation to Southern California. The Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project appears to be an expensive band-aid cover-up for the on-going export of water that could help restore the rivers vitality. Higher flows would flush the Delta and dilute pollutants increasing the survival of native fishes.

The restoration of native fishes is hampered by the operation of Federal and State water project pumps during critical downstream migration times. How can we save anything if we keep ignoring the problem and kill thousands of fish in the process?

The cost of the land and project is staggering at \$32.5 million. It represents around one third of CALFED's entire 2002 budget. Couldn't the money be better used elsewhere to improve the quality of the Delta and control or eliminate non native species?

Stop the pumping and restore the Delta.

Sincerely,

*Uni E. Compy Compomizzo*  
Uni E. "Compy" Compomizzo

Past President

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Wayne Hancock

Secretary

Joe Horn

Associate Member

*Joseph Horn*



# A Reel Inspiration

Uril "Compy" Compomizzo is a local Delta fishing legend

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY CONNIE CASSINETTO

**U**ril "Compy" Compomizzo is always telling children to "get hooked on fishing, not on drugs," and he goes the extra steps — not

he started boating when he was 6. He has many memories of what the area used to look like and how good the fishing was then. It is his longevity in the community that makes him want to give back and motivates him to take up Delta-focused community causes and work with kids to educate them about the Delta and what it offers.

"I've had a good life," Compomizzo said. "My mom raised eight kids in Antioch. I want to give back to the area in some way."

Compomizzo does give back — to the point that he is a local legend.

## FOR THE COMMUNITY

One of Compomizzo's many accomplishments is the Kids' Free Fishing Derby, which has been held in October for the last 14 years. Sponsored by area businesses and organizations, the derby offers an opportunity for girls and boys from 3 to 12 years old to learn about the sport of fishing. The children are provided with rods, reels, bait and a free lunch while they learn how to fish and enjoy the Delta.

"The 'little guy' can do something to help the kids," Compomizzo said. The derby is part of his continued effort to steer kids away from drugs by engaging them in fishing and learning about the Delta.

Compomizzo knows about kids. Working with young people has been his focus for many years.

In addition to raising his own three kids and becoming a grandfather to two more children in 1972, he started a father-son "River Rats" river trip from Redding/Red Bluff to Antioch. During his last trip in 1979, he safely brought 55 boats with 179 fathers and sons down a maze of rivers to Antioch.

Compomizzo also started a program to get kids hooked on fishing more than 15 years ago. Equipped with rod and reel, he was at one point visiting eight elementary



**THE MAN, THE DOCK, THE LEGEND** — Last summer, Antioch Pier was dubbed the "Compy" Compomizzo Municipal Fishing Pier.

just one, but many — to stand behind that slogan.

Compomizzo has been boating and angling in the Antioch area since childhood. Now 78 years old,

schools in Antioch, plus schools in Tracy, Sacramento, Arwater and Merced. The yearly "Get Kids Hooked on Fishing — Not Drugs" event draws more than 300 children from all over the area. They participate in day-long activities that focus on fun and learning how to fish.

Compomizzo's reputation in the community is so well known that Raley's Superstores agreed to be a part of the August 2001 fishing event.

"When we heard about Uril Compomizzo ('Compy'), his community involvement, his environmental goals and his dedication to the preservation of our Delta and fisheries for future generations, we knew immediately that we had to meet this unique individual," a company spokesman said. Raley's offered goody bags for the kids, and Raley's employees helped by baiting hooks and serving lunch for the kid's fishing derby.

## PAST TO PRESENT

Compomizzo's love of the outdoors started in earnest when he was 13 years old. A local bait shop owner often took him on trout-fishing trips to the Trinity Mountains in Northern California.

Over the years, Compomizzo has written about fishing and camping for five newspapers around the Bay Area, including the *San Jose Mercury News*. He also reported fishing news for the Delta and Bay Area early every other Friday morning (at 5 a.m.) for radio station KKIS in Pittsburg and Concord for many years. These jobs were in addition to working as a line mechanic for Standard Pacific Gas Lines for over 33 years.

Last year, Compomizzo began the daunting task of gathering funds and support to clean the water around the Antioch fishing pier. In the 1930s, he could recall tossing a line into the waters from the pier and pulling out ample catfish for the family dinner.

According to Compomizzo, last year, "anglers would

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be lucky to reel in anything but an old boot." The pier water was so filled with snags and trash that it was impossible to throw a line in anymore.

Compomizzo, with his usual dedication and drive, went straight to the Antioch City Council and asked if he could start a drive to clean up the water around the pier area. The council told him there was no money for the project, but he assured them that it was not money he was after, but rather their cooperation in helping him get the job done.

Once the city agreed, Compomizzo "got busy" and raised \$141,000 from the community to get the pier water cleaned up. The funds came from businesses (both small and large) from all over the area, including a grant from the governor's office. Members of the West Delta California Striped Bass Association also worked with Compomizzo to get community funds and support for the project.

Three divers, working daily for three weeks, hauled out bicycles, bowling balls, skateboards, anchors and chains, hundreds of sinkers, shopping carts, and a variety of other dumped and discarded items. Compomizzo has already caught six sturgeons off the now debris-free waters of the Antioch pier. Last summer, to honor Compomizzo for his efforts, the pier was dubbed the "Compy" Compomizzo Municipal Fishing Pier.

The pier cleanup allowed Compomizzo to start yet another fishing event in September — the Rivertown Striped Bass Derby. The second annual derby event was held this year, along with the West Delta California Striped Bass Club, the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and area businesses. The event allows children under 15 to fish free with a licensed participating adult, and it provides children an opportunity to win a \$500 U.S. savings bond.

Compomizzo is not yet done improving the pier, though. He is now raising funds and marshalling community support to provide a safe and clean public restroom that will provide access for people who are wheelchair-bound.

## LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Over the years, Compomizzo has been awarded a life-saving gold medal by Pacific Gas and Electric, a human-



**DERBY DO-DOODER** -- Compomizzo has started several fishing programs to get Delta boaters "hooked on fishing, not on drugs."

itarian award from the Delta Kiwanis, a Man of the Year award, two Citizen of the Year awards and a United Anglers "Iron Man" award. He has also received recognition from the president, the state Senate and Assembly, and the county board of supervisors.

Most recently, Compomizzo found himself the center of attention because of a painting by a prominent local artist, Russell Maynard, who painted a picture of him catching a large striped bass on a fly rod at Sherman Lake Landing. The painting depicts Compomizzo hauling in a larger-than-life largemouth bass from the rules of the Delta. There is even talk of using the painting for a stamp, a poster and a downtown mural.

You might wonder if Compomizzo still has time to fish, given all that he does to promote the subject. This past May marked his 51st annual fishing trip to Shasta for trout and salmon. His wife of 55 years, Anna, hauls their 15 foot Klamath, and he follows behind with the travel trailer. He and Anna also fish several times a week in the waters near Antioch.

Compomizzo's advice on fishing is to tie in the rules in about 3 or 4 feet of water and stay there a while to get your catch. He generally stays near the same place for five or six hours, moving as the tide dictates.

Compomizzo's love of fishing and the outdoors is a driving force in his life, and it is something he wants to continue to share with others — especially kids. He has watched Antioch grow over the years, from a small, sleepy town of about 3,000 people to a Bay Area bedroom community of over 90,000 residents.

He knows his job is not done yet, as many new residents of Antioch are unaware of all the Delta offers and how important the Delta is to the local environment. He knows that educating new residents may be a hard sell since they often commute long hours, but his enthusiasm for bringing the riverfront back to prominence is undaunted by the challenge.

"I never dreamed I would be able to do these things," Compomizzo said. "I'm just a little guy, but the little guy can do something if he wants to. I want to give something back — and I think positive." ☺

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Mr. Dan Ray  
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May 7, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray,

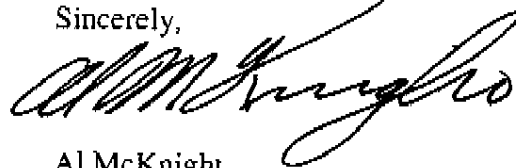
I am a resident of the City of Oakley and a concerned citizen of the community. I have been watching and listening to the on going debate regarding the proposed Dutch Slough Project. I want to let you know that I am not in favor of the project.

It is my understanding that CALFED has five or six other projects that are similar to this proposed project in San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yolo, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Sonoma and Marin counties that have been ongoing for several years now. It is my understanding that these are supposed to be seven-year projects and a couple of these are coming to an end. What is happening with these projects? Before you spend \$21,000 per acre on dairy land that's been there for almost 100 years, do you think it wise to spend that kind of money on something that may not benefit the water quality or habitat in the Delta, or benefit the people of Oakley or even the state of California? One of the projects mentioned above is located in Dutch Slough, 99D-123. What impact does this have on the new project that CALFED is proposing to fund? Shouldn't the other projects be completed before you start another?

CALFED is supposed to have money to fund the first phase of this project \$26,000,000.00. Will CALFED continue to fund the remaining \$6,000,000.00 +? At the end of this project what will happen to the land and who will have control of it?

It seems to me that the Natural Heritage Institute is trying to get their slice of the pie, a very big slice, of government funding for something that may not benefit the City of Oakley or the residences that live here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al McKnight", written in a cursive style.

Al McKnight

5-7-02

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> St., STE 630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr Ray,

As a civil servant for the citizen's of the state of California,  
I request that you quit acting for the special interests  
of the environmental extreme. You need to start working  
for all peoples of California.

I want you and any other government agency to reject  
these groups who want to limit every Californian's access,  
but their own.

Reject the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project.  
your plan will limit TAX paying californians from enjoying  
their right to use <sup>these</sup> lands.

Thank you for your time.

SIEG Taylor  
2727 N. Grove Ind. Dr. Ste 115  
Fresno CA 93727



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May 9, 2002

Dan Ray, Grants Officer  
Ecosystem Restoration Program  
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1416 Ninth Street, Suite 630  
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Dear Mr. Ray:

I am writing to you to summarize the City of Oakley's current position on the Dutch Slough Restoration Project and the current status of its discussions with the property owners (the Emerson, Burroughs, and Gilbert families) and the public agency and non-profit proponents of the Project (the Coastal Conservancy, the Conservation Fund, the Natural Heritage Institute, and the Department of Water Resources).

As you may know, in February 2002, the City Council unanimously agreed that, based on information available at that time, it could not support the Project as proposed. The Council was particularly concerned that the Project would have significant detrimental impacts on the City's infrastructure, finances, and ability to provide services, which would negatively affect the health, safety, and general welfare of Oakley's residents. Moreover, the City Council concluded that a number of questions had not been answered regarding the ownership of the land and the construction and maintenance of public amenities promised as benefits of the Project to the public.

Since taking that position, and even before, the City has worked diligently with the property owners, co-applicants and state agency representatives to understand the potential impacts and opportunities of Dutch Slough Project and to reach agreement about the best means to mitigate any results harmful to Oakley's residents.

Based on those conversations, the Council has concluded that the Project will provide an environmental enhancement to the Delta of statewide significance and can serve as a regional example of the marriage of wetland restoration and appropriate recreational activities.

The City, the landowners, and the other parties to the Project application are also concluding their discussions about ways to ameliorate the financial, infrastructural, and services-related impacts of the Project on the City and to satisfy the property owners' existing obligations to the City. The City believes those issues are being adequately addressed.

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As a result of the positive direction of discussions with the property owners and Project applicants, the City supports the funding, construction, and operation of the Dutch Slough Project, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The property owners will execute a memorandum of understanding with the City outlining how the former will fulfill its existing obligations to the City, and how they will contribute to the mitigation of the impacts of the Project on the City's finances, infrastructure, and services provision. The mitigation will include financial, real property, and other contributions to the City, included but not limited to:
  - i. Deeding 50 acres for a community park, 10 acres of trail easements, 8 acres for Dutch Slough access, 5 acres for a swim lagoon
  - ii. Deeding 27 acres south of the CCWD canal for City use
  - iii. Providing \$1.8 million in payments to the City of Oakley
  - iv. Providing 3 homes on the various properties to the City

The MOU will also establish some of the key terms of amendments to the development agreements between the City and the property owners, which are necessary for development of the portions of their property that are not a part of the Project.

- b. 55 acres of the property conveyed by the landowners or the Coastal Conservancy to the City will be used to create a community center that will include active and passive recreation, trails on top of the levees, a swim lagoon, boating, educational and scientific activities, and commercial amenities typically associated with such recreational facilities. The City and the public and non-profit agencies party to the Project application will work cooperatively to master plan for the community center site. The master plan will provide specificity for the general "public amenities" aspects of the Project application.
- c. As part of the funding for the Project, an appropriate maintenance endowment will be created, to which the City will have access for appropriate improvements, maintenance, and operations, in furtherance of the public amenities purposes described in the Project application.
- d. The Department of Water Resources will be the final owner of the property and administrative authority for the Project.
- e. The Department of Water Resources will execute an MOU with the City assuring the following:

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- DWR will be the final owner of the Project property and have administrative authority for the Project.
  - DWR will refurbish, construct and, maintain the Project levee system, including the construction of all-weather roads/trail on top of the levees, to which the public and the City will have access—the latter for the purpose of constructing and maintaining other public amenities.
  - If DWR decides to create a Reclamation District, pursuant to California Water Code Sections 55000 *et seq.*, to construct and maintain the levee system, it will do so through the City, and the City will be on the District's Board of Trustees but will not have any financial obligation for levee construction or maintenance.
  - DWR will maintain water quality in the Project area and will establish water quality monitoring facilities in co-operation with Contra Costa Water District and Delta-Diablo Water District.
  - DWR will coordinate and cooperate with the City and public/non-profit agencies in planning and construction of the Project, including allowing the City access to portions of the Project property for the construction and maintenance of public amenities and providing some assistance to the City in the creation of a planned community center.
- f. The Conservation Fund will execute an MOU with the City regarding interim land use, public access, and necessary improvements to the Project properties during the interim period in which it will own the properties and have a stewardship role.
- g. The Coastal Conservancy will execute an MOU with the City regarding the agency's role in the development of the Project and possible contributions of funds to the Project and/or City for amenities and ongoing maintenance and operations.
- h. The Natural Heritage Institute and the Conservation Fund will execute an MOU with the City regarding its role in planning the Project itself, as well as for the improvements/amenities in the Project area and generally described in the Project application; the recreational, educational, and scientific opportunities in the Project area; and the operations/maintenance requirements for the Project and the area amenities and programs at build-out.

Assuming that the City, property owners, and public and non-profit agencies can reach agreement as outlined above—and the City is currently very optimistic that the parties will reach agreement—the City Council will enthusiastically support the Project and make every possible effort to facilitate its rapid realization. As long as its questions are answered and concerns met, the Council believes that the Project will be a boon to Oakley, its residents, and the surrounding area. The City is, therefore, committed to

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successful completion of these negotiations and development of the necessary agreements to make the Dutch Slough Restoration Project a state-wide model of co-operation among local communities, the State and Federal governments, and non-profit groups to restore environmentally sensitive areas, improve water quality, and provide recreational and outdoor amenities to the region's residents.

We welcome the opportunity to work cooperatively with the co-applicants, public agencies and private non-profit groups to make the Dutch Slough Project an example of the value of working together to improve the environment and improving the quality of life in the community.

If you have any questions regarding the City's position on the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me. Once the Council has taken a final position on the Project, I will be in touch. I am hopeful that we will have the opportunity to work together to make the Project a successful reality for the area and the State.

Sincerely,



Tinker Vanek, Mayor  
City of Oakley

CC: City Council  
City Manager  
Nancy Schaefer, Conservation Fund  
Mary Small, Nature Conservancy  
John Cain, Natural Heritage Institute  
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**Congress of the United States****Washington, DC 20515**

May 8, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Ray:

It is with great consideration, and with the approval of both the Board of Supervisors and the City Council of Oakley, that we request your support in funding the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project. As a community that is in need of improving public services, funding of this truly unique project is essential in order to enhance the quality of life for residents by providing open space and recreational opportunities.

The Dutch Slough Restoration Project provides the unique opportunity to purchase 1,200 acres in the City of Oakley and restore a portion of the valuable Delta wetlands to its natural state. The proposed project includes the building of a community park, four miles of shoreline trails along Delta sloughs, safe fishing access, a canoe and kayak launch, sports fields, picnic grounds, wildlife viewing, and other educational and recreational opportunities centered around this large-scale wetland restoration project. It will also provide open space and public access to the Delta shoreline in a rapidly urbanizing area.

The changes that will benefit the City of Oakley as a result of this project are essential to the vitality of the community. Therefore, we respectfully urge that the Dutch Slough Restoration Project be funded to not only enhance the quality of life for Oakley residents and the neighboring communities, but to protect important Delta resources that will make the East Contra Costa shoreline a better natural resource for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Ellen O. Tauscher  
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November 5, 2001

Mr. Patrick Wright, Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Dutch Slough Application, Oakley Area**

Dear Mr. Wright:

I would like to advise you of my whole-hearted support for the environmental restoration application submitted by the property owners for the Dutch Slough project located in Oakley, California.

The development of this approximate 1,220 acres adjacent to the Delta and north of the Contra Costa Canal will begin to restore a healthy ecosystem to a badly neglected portion of the Delta, improve water quality and improve the integrity of the current levee system.

In addition to the environmental enhancements this project will provide, I understand that the owners are also proposing significant recreational opportunities to the community including a community center, bike and pedestrian trails, playing fields, two interpretive centers and visitor services. With the exception of the bike and pedestrian trails, the balance of these amenities are severely lacking in East Contra Costa and, specifically, in Oakley. The provision of new trails on this particular project will serve to link many important regional trails already existing in the area.

I understand that some members of the Oakley community have questioned the loss of revenue if these lands were not developed for housing, particularly a loss of transportation fees. As someone who has been involved in municipal, county and regional planning for over 25 years, I feel it incumbent to point out that transportation, as well as other fees, are meant to compensate and mitigate a community for the impact of a proposed development. If the homes are not built, there is no impact. However, I understand that even with the environmental restoration project there will still be approximately 300 acres of land still available for possible development, for which fees will be collected and for which the available land is closer to existing infrastructure and more properly suited to housing.

I believe that this project will add tremendous appeal and value to the community of Oakley, as well as the surrounding East Contra Costa County area. It is extremely rare to find parcels of this size, in a location as ideal as this, that provide what I believe is a perfect fit to the stated primary objectives, solution principles and mission statement of the CALFED program.

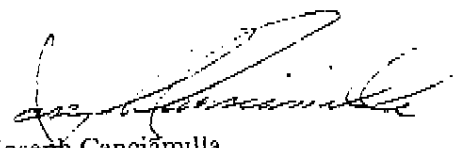
As the former County Supervisor for the project area, I took a leadership position in reining in development due to the lack of appropriate infrastructure as well as in the preservation of open space and recreational opportunities. As an Assemblymember who represents the Delta region, I continue to maintain my interest in preserving East Contra Costa County and in planning properly for its future growth.

I am very excited to see the partnership developed by the Emerson, Gilbert and Burroughs families with the California Coastal Conservancy, the Conservation Fund and the National Heritage Institute as demonstrated in their application. I am hopeful that if this grant is approved, other community partners and agencies will elect to participate in this project that will have a significant positive impact on the entire Delta region.

I believe that if this application is not approved, we will lose a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve and enhance over 10 miles of rapidly diminishing Delta shoreline and adjacent land. Therefore, I strongly urge not only that this project application be considered favorably, but also deemed a priority of the CALFED program.

I would be happy discuss this project further or to answer any questions you might have with regard to this letter of recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (925) 372-7990 if I can offer any further assistance or information.

Sincerely,



Joseph Cancianmilla  
Assemblymember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Mary Nichols, State of California Resources Agency  
Assemblymember Lynn Leach  
Senator Tom Torlakson  
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Supervisor Donna Gerber  
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May 2, 2002

Patrick Wright  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1148  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. <sup>Patrick</sup>Wright:

I am writing to express my support for the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project that has been submitted for CalFED funding. I have heard overwhelming comments from constituents in the local community in support of this project.

This project will provide benefits to the entire region, not just to the residents of Oakley. It is a unique project that addresses both the environmental need for restoration and the public's desire to enhance the local community. I believe it is for this reason that there is such widespread support.

As you know, I have also been in communication with the various parties involved in this project. I have witnessed their hard work and dedication to making this project come to fruition. All of the parties are working together to resolve the remaining concerns about the project, and I am confident that they will come to an agreement very soon.

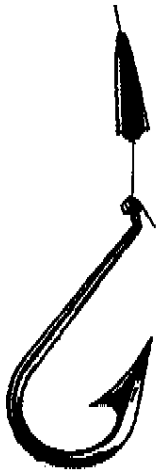
I appreciate your consideration of this project, and I look forward to continuing our good work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Tom Torlakson in black ink.

Tom Torlakson

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## Hook, Line & Sinker

April 30, 2002

Mr. Dan Ray  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Re: Proposal # 30, The Dutch Slough Tidal  
Marsh Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Ray:

I am writing to voice opposition to the referenced proposal. My wife and I, in addition to being residents of Oakley, have separate businesses in town.

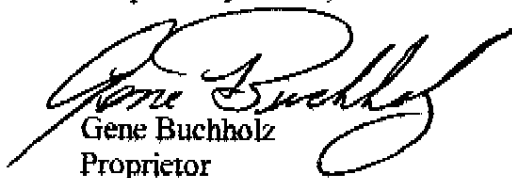
We are both concerned over the negative consequences this experiment will have on the City of Oakley, our quality of life, opportunities for business growth, water quality and potential risk to the local ecology. My business is dependent on a healthy Delta.

Our city has only limited space to grow. The properties in the Cypress Corridor offer our community a unique opportunity to benefit all of East Contra Costa County. There are 5 development scenarios for this area. The two preferred by the City Council are mixed-use limited development of residential, light commercial and recreation. The City has never promoted the development of 4,500 plus homes in this area. Those numbers are scare tactics used by the proponents and landowners trying to garner support from residents.

The property is within Oakley's city limits and within Contra Costa County's urban limit line. The proponents never approached the City for input and were "caught" trying to submit this proposal to CALFED without the city council's knowledge. CALFED should not fund this exorbitant project or even be part of this deception.

Previous CALFED projects 99-B189 and 99-D123 prove studies can be done on a much smaller budget without putting a community's future at risk.

Respectfully Yours,



Gene Buchholz  
Proprietor